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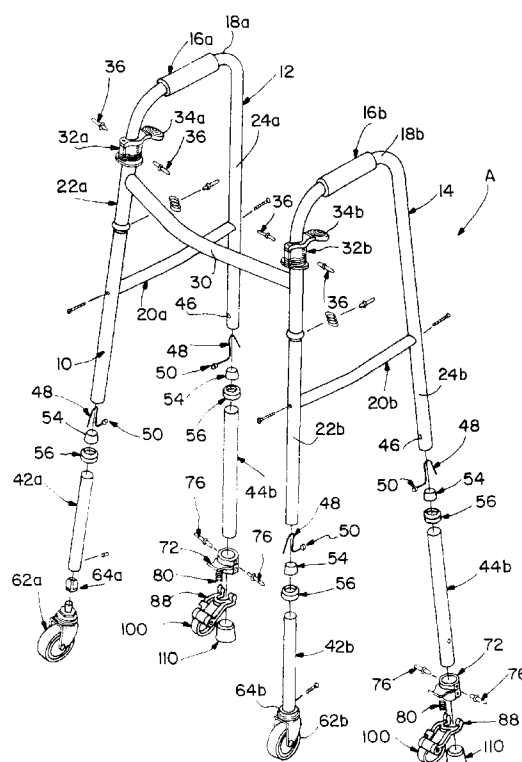
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(54) Walker with glide assembly

(57) A walker is provided with a non-rotatable glide assembly that easily slides over the ground surface when a walker is lifted and advanced forwardly. As soon as a predetermined downward force is exerted on the walker legs, the glides retract and non-slip crutch tips engage the ground surface. Moreover, an individual glide may be easily removed and substituted by a wheel that provides rolling contact with the ground surface. The remainder of the mounting structure is used so that the walker may be easily converted from a glide to wheeled arrangement.

FIG. 1**EP 0 750 897 A3**



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